



**NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF
EAST LOTHIAN LOCAL LICENSING FORUM**

**TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2015, 7.00pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Agenda of Business

Apologies

1. Election of Officers for the year 2015/16:
 - a. Chair
 - b. Secretary
2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Local Licensing Forum held on 2 December 2014 for approval and matters arising (**Pages 1 - 6**)
3. Alcohol Deliveries to Residential Properties
4. Licensing Standards Officer Report (verbal)
5. Police Report (verbal)
6. Pubwatch – reports from local schemes (verbal):
 - a. R.A.S.P.
 - b. Other
7. Alcohol Focus Scotland:
 - a. eFocus November/December 2014 (**Pages 7 - 8**)
 - b. eFocus January 2015 (**Pages 9 - 10**)
8. Any Other Business

**Angela Leitch
Chief Executive
John Muir House
Haddington
17 February 2015**



Minutes of the meeting
East Lothian licensing forum

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Forum members present :

George hood (Chair)

David Black (Secretary)

David Dickson P.L.H

Jim Goodfellow

John Thayers

Ricky Ross

Steven Wray

PC Heather Bowsher (Police Scotland)

Rudi Fruzynski (LSO)

Kirsten Baird

Visitors Present:

There were no visitors present

Apologise:

David Forester

Kirstine Macneil

Kristine O'Brien

Bernard Harkins

Julie Foster

1. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes were agreed as a true record

2. Over provision

The forum expressed concerns at the previous meeting and wanted an explanation on why every application has been granted since the introduction of the act. Member states 'out of caution in every decision' Previous applications have all met the criteria, as on sales premise are decreasing it is becoming easier to grant new licenses. All new supermarkets will be subject to the over provision act. Haddington and Prestopnans will be among these.

Chair George Hood read from the over provisions act (taken as read) requesting further explanation on the word used exceptional.

Answer was the Board is no longer unanimous as it was previously. The board is getting closer to making a refusal but haven't made it yet.

Member asked 'what would happen if you refused a supermarket, do you think you would be taken to court?'

From a police stand point we think the off-sale in haddington should of been blocked. However if a premises meet the 5 licensing objectives are understanding is it will be granted.

Jim Goodfella mentioned the work from QMU on the health statistics. The health statistics are OOD each area should be broken down and not only be related to hospital admittance but other alcohol instances including health anti-social behaviour.

Rickie Ross states' they are not getting in pubs and clubs the problems are coming from the off-licenses and supermarkets. Canada have shops which are specific for purpose. Perhaps this is a decision that needs to be made and looked at more closely.

John Thayers 'government releases SALSAS survey from ages 13+ these gives us an individual profile for each area, this shows changing behaviour in 13-15 year olds now drinking and taking drugs less. Under ages pre-dominantly obtain alcohol from family and friends a The number of license premises has a direct approach on use. (taken as read from SALSAS survey) report seems conclusive

Steven Wray NHS Scotland "it's clear that because of availability this is causing the problem".

George Hood- are we happy with the council's explanation. Forum happy with explanation.

3. Local licensing forum constitution review

Several points raised at the review meeting for the forum and all points agreed including changes to be made. It was agreed the constitution policy's should be reviewed every 3 years to keep it relevant. All points raised after review will be amended and added to the constitution.

4. Licensing standards officer report (Verbal)

Major variations only three items on the agenda

September

Premise in Gullane

Golf Inn

The Alberto Café

Review of licence based on the clear convictions

October

Declaration was issued for the extension of hours (taken as read)

To summarise the board granted an extension of hours for the 14th and 15th of January offering an extension until 2am. No further extensions were authorised.

One major variation

One personal license revoked

Decision taken any outstanding fees due to licensing board would have to attend the next licensing board meeting. 79 premises failed to meet conditions laid out by the licensing board.

November

Two objections raised but were not considered.

Major Variations 1

The Mercat Grill to extend opening hours to 10am and close at 12pm. Variation was refused

Four premises license reviewed and admonished/ no action

2 personal license reviewed due to convictions

All no payment of fees should have had a letter0 attached to their file. If this is the case next year the board will impose sanctions.

27 complaints received from EHO all complaints investigated. Only one complaint noted as true.

1st of September to 30th of November the following licensing criteria were reviewed

Premise application 0

Major variations 3

Minor Variations 4

Personal licence review 1

Occasional licence submitted 85

Compared to 272 over summer months

Occasional extension 5

Compared to 25 in the summer

Transfer of licence 4

Compared to 10 in the summer

Complaints 6

Compared to 27 in the summer

Licensing refresher training;

There has been 557 reminders letters sent out in regards to refresher courses 5 have which have now been surrendered. 2 deceased and 5 surrendered still 253 outstanding personal license holders who are still required to complete refresher training cost could be playing a factor.

5. Air weapons act

Quetin Fisher has confirmed that the air weapons bill will not be approved until June 2015. The bill will need to be published and that could take months perhaps, late 15/16 until completion

Drink driving limit reduction official change date will be starting from 5th of December.

Licensing Forum meetings

All new meetings will be arranged by Debbie Richards with the aim to change the forum meeting times to early morning.

Kirsty O'neil asked about new statistics about crime, admission and accidents and incidents for nhs related to alcohol misappropriation. Answer was new reports will be released in due course.

Licensing Scotland police report

Personal license revoked 1,

Premises license being reviewed as previously mentioned.

Credit card knives- 2 premises being entered with these knives. Police are now using wands at premises when carrying out searches

Young scot cards and pass cards – 2 noted cases in recent weeks of underage use of these cards police Scotland to conduct a meeting with the producers in order to make a decision as to any future involvement in the scheme

Drink drive limit best advise don't offer any advice to customers the message is don't drink and drive. Forum member noted a great scheme where designated drivers are offered free soft drinks which could be implemented in local pubs.

Kirsten Baird from QMUSU expressed her concerns over students over students being out until 3 or 4 am and still being under the influence of alcohol the next again day.

Jim Goodfellow asked whether or the matriculations card could be standardised so that all university's cards can be easily identified. Stated by member from QMU that this is being looked at.

Test purchase policy has changed any information in regards to the premise not practicing the correct due diligence police Scotland wil be entitled to send in test purchases

Pub Watch (RASP)

One premises being removed for non-attendance

Three pubs getting letters for low attendance

One individual going to be given a ten year pub ban for carrying credit card knife.

RASP has reviewed its data protection legality. It has been decided that barred list should not be on display for public viewing. RASP will need to sign up to the act to ensure legal compliance.

Alcohol focus Scotland :

225 kids under 10 suffer from hospital admittance due to drink related incidence.

All members have read. No further discussion required.

Date of next meeting to be:

End of Meeting Minutes



Reducing harm caused by alcohol

November/December 2014

Research

[Assessing the availability of and need for specialist alcohol treatment services in Scotland](#)

[Underage access to online alcohol marketing content: a YouTube case study](#)

[Interpretation and use of official drinking guidelines by adults in England and Scotland](#)

GAPC 2015

Global Alcohol Policy Conference
7-9 October 2015,
Edinburgh

Call for abstracts to be submitted online at gapc2015.com

#gapc2015

AFS Training

Working with children using our resources workshop
10 February

PLH Refresher course
11 February

Personal Licence Holder course
17 February

[More info](#)

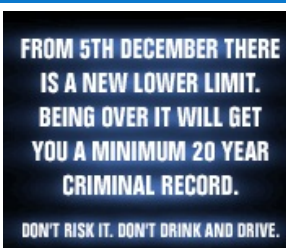
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Doctors and alcohol campaigners support lower drink drive limit

Alcohol Focus Scotland, the BMA and SHAAP are urging drivers to avoid alcohol completely, as the new lower limit comes into force. We are also warning drivers to think carefully about getting in the car the morning after a night's drinking as they may still be over the limit. The reduction brings Scotland into line with most European countries and is expected to prevent deaths and reduce the number of lives ruined by drinking drivers.

Lower drink drive limit [FAQs](#)

Read [Mary's story](#) about being hit by a drink driver.



Alcohol consumption and harm down but more to be done

NHS Health Scotland has published the latest [update report](#) on Scotland's alcohol strategy which shows a continued downward trend in consumption, alcohol-related deaths and hospitalisations. The new Health Secretary Shona Robison said: "It is encouraging to see a downward trend in alcohol-related harm, however the fact remains that almost 700 people per week are admitted to hospital in Scotland due to alcohol, which is why we are absolutely committed to introducing minimum unit pricing."

Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) 2013

Key alcohol findings:

- The proportion of 13 and 15 year olds who reported drinking alcohol in the last week was the lowest since the SALSUS began in 1990 (4% of 13 year olds and 19% of 15 year olds).
- 68% of 13 year olds and 30% of 15 year olds have never had an alcoholic drink.
- Of those who had ever had an alcoholic drink, 44% of 13 year olds and 70% of 15 year olds had been drunk at least once.

ISD provide a national overview, topic reports and local summaries for each local authority, ADP and NHS Board.

Relationship between alcohol outlet availability and harm

Alcohol Focus Scotland recently commissioned [CRESH](#) to investigate whether alcohol-related illnesses and deaths across Scotland were related to the local availability of alcohol outlets. The research showed that across Scotland, alcohol-related hospitalisations and deaths were higher in areas with higher alcohol outlet availability.

The researchers also examined the relationship between alcohol outlet availability and harm at local level. The first 3 of these local authority factsheets, for Edinburgh, Glasgow and North Ayrshire, are now available.

[Read more](#)

Alcohol and breast cancer campaign

Balance the North East Alcohol Office and Breakthrough Breast Cancer have joined forces to raise awareness of the link between alcohol and breast cancer. Alcohol is linked to thousands of breast cancer cases each year across the UK but many women don't realise that the



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more they drink, the greater their risk of developing the disease.

View the campaign videos and find out more about alcohol and cancer at reducemyrisk.tv

Call for review of law on sales to drunk customers

A new report by Alcohol Research UK and the Alcohol Academy calls for a full review of the current legislation. Sales to drunk customers appear to be the norm, but annual prosecutions for the offence are rarely more than single figures. With very limited enforcement or awareness of the legislation, this report explores what needs to be done to address one of the most under-enforced laws on the statute book.

[One too many? Sales to drunk customers: Policy, enforcement and responsibility](#)

Foetal alcohol syndrome case dismissed by Court of Appeal

A child born with foetal alcohol syndrome is not legally entitled to compensation after her mother drank excessively while pregnant, the Court of Appeal has ruled. Lawyers argued her mother had poisoned her foetus but appeal judges ruled she had not committed a criminal offence. The case was brought by a Council in the North of England.

[Read more](#)

Big Lottery Fund invests in alcohol programme for over 50s

The Big Lottery Fund is investing £25 million into an alcohol-related harm prevention and awareness programme for the over fifties, in partnership with Addaction. The seven year Rethink Good Health programme will support a variety of projects, with flagship work taking place in Glasgow, Sheffield, Devon, South Wales and Northern Ireland. [Read more](#)

Daily attacks on Scottish ambulance staff

Attacks on Scottish ambulance staff have soared by nearly 50% in the past five years, reaching an average of almost one a day. Workers were subjected to 321 assaults in 2013, with many of the attacks being fuelled by alcohol. [Read more](#)



Alcohol-free beer grows in popularity

Non-alcoholic and low alcohol beer is on track to rise in global value by 26% from 2013 to 2018, the largest growth of any sector in the beer industry, according to Euromonitor. In Spain, 60% of beer drinkers are choosing alcohol-free versions, while Euromonitor notes that in Germany and Austria, "the appreciation of a beer's taste is taking precedence over the intoxicating effects of the tittle." [Read more](#)

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Research

[Long working hours and alcohol use](#)

[Understanding young offenders experiences of drinking alcohol](#)

[Constructing alcohol identities: The role of social networking sites in young peoples' drinking cultures](#)

[Young people, alcohol packaging and digital media](#)

GAPC 2015

Global Alcohol Policy Conference
7-9 October 2015,
Edinburgh

Abstract deadline is 6 March. Submit an abstract via the conference website: [GAPC 2015](#)

AFS training

Using our resources to work with children affected by parental drinking workshop
10 February,
Glasgow

[Find out more](#)

Personal Licence Holder course
17 February,
Glasgow

Refresher course
11 February,
Glasgow

Licensing Standards Officers course
17-19 February,
Glasgow

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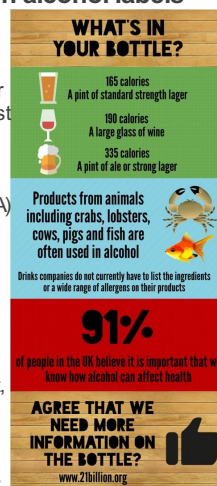
Public support for health warnings on alcohol labels

Alcohol Focus Scotland has joined campaigners across the UK in calling for government action to introduce better labelling of alcoholic drinks. Under EU legislation, food and soft drinks packaging must show ingredients and nutritional information but alcohol is currently exempt from the regulations.




Research from the Alcohol Health Alliance UK (AHA) has shown that the majority of the British public support more nutritional and health information on alcohol product labels, as well as a warning not to drink when pregnant. The UK-wide survey found:

- 83% of people support information on how alcohol can impact on health
- 87% support a warning that when pregnant, the safest option is to avoid alcohol completely.

Find out more and sign the petition at [21billion.org](#) #onthebottle




WHAT'S IN YOUR BOTTLE?

	165 calories A pint of standard strength lager
	180 calories A large glass of wine
	335 calories A pint of ale or strong lager

Products from animals including crabs, lobsters, cows, pigs and fish are often used in alcohol

Drinks companies do not currently have to list the ingredients or a wide range of allergens on their products

91%
of people in the UK believe it is important that we know how alcohol can affect health

AGREE THAT WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE BOTTLE? 

[www.21billion.org](#)

Alcohol sales linked with alcohol deaths across GB regions

For the first time alcohol sales data (a more accurate and objective measure of consumption than self-reporting) and alcohol-related deaths for regions in Great Britain have been analysed. The results, published in the open access journal [BMC Public Health](#), show that of eleven regions analysed, Central Scotland had the highest alcohol sales per adult and also the highest alcohol-related death rate. Central Scotland had substantially higher spirits sales than any other region, especially through off-licences.

Glasgow tops list of alcoholics on benefits in the UK

Glasgow has twice as many people out of work because of alcohol problems than anywhere else. Figures from the Department of Work and Pensions show a total of 2,280 claimants in Glasgow are classed disabled due to their drinking. Three of the worst 10 council areas are in Scotland, with Edinburgh fifth and North Lanarkshire seventh. AFS said more needs to be done to help people into successful treatment as well as prevent problems from developing in the first place through policies like minimum pricing. [Read more](#)

First Minister determined to introduce minimum pricing

Writing in the [Evening Times](#), First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said:
"Although recent figures show a slight drop in the number of adults drinking at harmful levels, the fact is the numbers are still far too high. That is why we are taking strong action to help everyone to drink less - as well as targeting those most at risk. It is no coincidence that as affordability has increased, alcohol-related hospital admissions have risen. That is exactly why I and the Scottish Government are so determined to introduce a minimum unit price for alcohol."



Lower drink drive limit sees 19% reduction in offenders

Scotland's new lower drink drive limit led to a 19% reduction in the number of

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offenders caught over the festive period. Figures show 351 drivers - compared to 434 last year - were detected while under the influence. The lower limit is also having an impact on pubs, with Belhaven owner Greene King reporting slower than expected trading over the festive period. Paul Watson, chief executive of the Scottish Licensed Trade Association predicted it will have a "bigger effect on the trade than the introduction of the smoking ban."

[FAQs on lower drink drive limit](#)

Beckham whisky ad cleared by watchdog

David Beckham's TV ad for whisky brand Haig Club has been cleared by the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA), despite complaints that his endorsement sent a confusing message about drinking to children. As a global youth icon who spent most of his football career teetotal, Beckham's appearance in the ad promoted a critical response from Alcohol Concern who called for the ad to be banned because it appealed to under 18s and implied drinking was linked to social success. Although David Beckham supports Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign, the ASA ruled that Beckham is too old to be popular enough with children to warrant banning the ad. [Read more](#)



Licences revoked for failure to complete Refresher training

Licensing Boards are beginning to revoke the licences of hundreds of personal licence holders (PLHs) across Scotland for failure to complete mandatory Refresher training within the required timescale of 5 years. It remains to be seen whether this will lead to the closure of any premises. There has been significant publicity about the first group of personal licence holders reaching the 'five year mark', but it should be remembered that there will consistently be PLHs requiring to complete Refresher training. View [AFS training dates](#)

Timeline of key alcohol policy developments

AFS has produced a timeline of the major alcohol policy developments in Scotland since the "Plan for action on alcohol problems" in 2002. View on [our website](#)



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